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CLUB LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3---CLUBHOUSE

Cocktails at Noon--Lunch Served at 12:30 P. M.

Members: \$2.50-----Guests: \$3.00

Presenting His Excellency

V.R. KRISHNA-MENON, Indian delegate to the U.N.

Guest speaker of honor at this week's luncheon (Wednesday) is this high-ranking Indian official who was the subject of a closeup in last week's Life and an intimate Nehru adviser. **RESERVATIONS!**

ELECTION NIGHT OPEN HOUSE!

Special arrangements, including several TV sets and night-long bar service, are set for a big election night party at the Clubhouse. The bar will be open at sundown. **DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUESTED**, please.

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STRATTON--CABOT MEDAL WINNER--HONORED BY CORRESPONDENTS FUND OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

LLOYD STRATTON, who last week was awarded a 1954 Maria Moors Cabot gold medal, was honored by fellow officers, directors and trustees of the Correspondents' Fund at a luncheon in the Clubhouse Wednesday.

STRATTON, a vice president of the Fund and assistant general manager of AP, had previously revealed that he was contributing the \$1,000 honorarium accompanying the award to the Memorial Fund.

The Columbia University award, bestowed on four other Western Hemisphere journalists, cited STRATTON's long Latin American service. He has traveled in that area since 1931, and it was during this time that AP set up the first international network system of radioteletype news and the first daily network for newsphoto transmission by radio.

STRATTON, a newspaperman since 1914, has been with AP since 1920.

The Cabot prizes were established in 1939 by Dr. Godfrey Lowell Cabot of Boston for "advancement of international friendship in the Americas." They are awarded by the trustees of Columbia University on recommendation of Dr. CARL W. ACKERMAN, OPCer and dean of the graduate school of journalism.

In turning over the \$1,000 to the OPC Memorial Building Fund, STRATTON said: "It struck me as being a natural place to leave a contribution to purposes rather closely associated with the nature and field of the award."

KEYNOTE AT SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: 'OFF TO A GOOD START!'

A cautiously optimistic report on operations of the Clubhouse to date was heard by some 75 Members at the semi-annual business meeting last Wednesday evening.

The theme seemed to be: "The beginning wasn't bad at all!"

After giving some preliminary estimates of current results, Secretary-Treasurer A. WILFRED MAY said: "It's too early to discern the operating pattern which, because of the newness of the Clubhouse, will not stabilize until several months hence." He observed that, of course, "the habits of the membership in using the facilities, particularly the bar and restaurant, will determine the business and profit-and-loss expectancy."

Meanwhile, he reported that the strength of the Club's balance sheet showed an "excellent financial situation."

Vice President JOHN BARKHAM presided in the absence of President BOB CONSIDINE (covering the Sheppard trial in Cleveland).

One of the good-news statistics disclosed at the session was that in a little more than five weeks an additional \$10,000 had been contributed to the Building Fund Drive. This was largely the result of the "HARTWELL Letter" soliciting new donations from previous contributors. The success of this man-and-wife effort was lauded by BARKHAM as, among other things, a "heroic effort." It was noted, however, that additional funds are still needed for Club furnishings.

Other developments at the meeting included:

1. An announcement that the Board of Governors had just reinstated affiliate memberships--AND upped entrance fees in this category to \$100 and annual dues to \$150. (It was \$50 and \$100, respectively, before.)

2. An inspirational note was sounded by REAVIS O'NEAL in a short, effective expression of faith in the Clubhouse project's future.

3. The membership okayed a motion by RUTH LLOYD providing for immediate publication of a mimeographed, "Who's Who" of members, pending a formal edition under study for some time.

4. BRUNO SHAW, chairman of the Finance & Management Committee, described the rules for use of the Club by outside groups under OPCers' sponsorship. (See previous Bulletin story)

5. VIRGINIA PREWETT MIZELLE reported on the Inter-American Affairs Committee she heads--making the point that "OPC now occupies the position as the main and perhaps only organization concerned with foreign correspondents" and their protection.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

ACTIVE:

HUGH O. MOFFETT, Life Magazine
 EDGAR B. MOONEY, JR., Donahue & Coe, Inc.

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U.S. NEWSMAN ASSAULTED IN HAVANA

CREDITS PROMPT CLUB ACTION FOR APOLOGY

SERGE FLIEGERS, investigating the unsolved murder of an American in Cuba for the Inter-Continental Press, told a luncheon meeting recently that he had received an official apology for a working-over at the hands of Cuban secret police after the OPC's Committees on the Freedom of the Press and Inter-American Affairs requested investigation.

The correspondent said the incident had occurred in the Hotel Nacional on Oct. 5. The apology followed the request for investigation, although the U.S. Embassy had earlier taken action.

He said he received an official apology and that money taken from him by the police was returned. The reason for the raid, he said he had been told, was that the room in which he was staying had been occupied by a murder suspect.

J.R. FLOOD, a long-time friend of the Club, and donor to both the Memorial Building Fund the Building itself (a set of the Britannica) is recovering from a long illness in Austin, Texas. The Bulletin, on behalf of officers and members, wishes him a speedy recovery and long good health.

PAT FRANK, indefatigable member, sends the Bulletin this advice: "I've got a new house on a Florida bass lake, a fresh wife (the former Dodie Day of New York). She raises dachshunds. I write and fish. Got a football story coming out in the Post this month, and other fiction coming in Redbook and This Week. Working on a book, as usual."

THE TOWN CRIER

RICHARD THOMAS this week is completing a two-month whirlwind tour speaking tour of women's clubs and forum organizations in Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, sandwiching in a rich quota of whistle stops... ED BERNAYS was one of eight recipients of awards at the 1954 Southwest Journalism Forum in Dallas. He was also the principal speaker at the awards dinner... JOHN RICH, ex-NBCer in the Far East, now studying on a Council of Foreign Relations Fellowship at Columbia. He's just moved with new wife into an apartment in Riverdale, N.Y.... ARTHUR REEF has a new assignment with the Charles Pfizer Co., setting up their international public relations... MEYER HANDLER has been named to replace Clifton Daniel as German Bureau chief of the N.Y. Times. Cliff, as members will recall, replaced HARRISON SALISBURY in Moscow not so long ago... JIM BURKE back to the Indian salt mines this week. He's had two months' leave from his Time-Life bureau chief post in New Delhi... HIRAM BLAUVELT on his way back from what sounds at a distance like a pleasant assignment -- the International Big Game and Fishing Exhibition in Duesseldorf, Germany. Off to the grass roots with CATHERINE GAVIN. She's lecturing on France in Minneapolis, K.C., Cleveland, Portland, Maine, and Scranton, Pa. ... Back from the grass roots for GABRIEL PRESSMAN. He's been covering the N.Y. State gubernatorial candidates, Averell Harriman and Irving Ives... IRV LEVINE of NBC lecturing on the Far East this week to the Rhode Island Teachers' Conference at Brown University in Providence... FRANK GIBNEY of Newsweek just off the West Coast lecture circuit. Talked on Japan... LEON VOLKOV also of Newsweek off on a lecture tour in the Midwest. His subject's the Soviet Union... Here's word from ART ROSETT: "Back in Casablanca. I've tried for one year to swallow the stuff Franco dishes out and I can't get used to it. It took that year of Franco's police state to really make me hate communism. I have relinquished all interest in the Spanish American Courier. Henceforth I intend to devote my time to getting out a better Moroccan Courier. Queries on material about Morocco invited."... A dramatized version of ADELE NATHAN's "Building the First Transcontinental Railroad" seen last week on TV. Jon Arthur's program.... DAN KURZMAN off on Oct. 30 on a grand tour. Stopping over in London, Paris, Bombay, New Delhi, Rangoon, and Taipeh, on his way to Tokyo, where he will take over as McGraw-Hill World News chief in December... JERRY GASK, formerly of Time, Newsweek, and McGraw-Hill Digest, has been appointed managing editor of Everywoman's Magazine.

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The Bulletin extends sympathy on behalf of the officers and members of the Overseas Press Club to SPYROS SKOURAS on the loss of his brother, Charles Skouras, who died on Oct. 22 in Los Angeles after a heart attack.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING (from Page 2)

6. LARRY BLOCHMAN, chairman of the Hospitality Committee, revealed plans for a weekly "Club Night" featuring a special menu, something on the order of the National Press Club's side-of-beef affair, plus other ideas now being explored.

(Editor's Note: It should not go unrecorded that at this first meeting of the membership in the new Clubhouse the first motion was for the Club to have "bar scotch" available. The move by CHARLES ROBBINS was referred for committee action.)

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NOTICE!

Dr. Howard A. Rusk will speak on "Medicine, Nutrition and International Politics" on Thursday, November 4, 12:30 P.M., main dining room of the club. The luncheon, arranged by ELIZABETH FAGG, in honor of a group of distinguished physicians from all over the world, representatives and delegates from the United Nations, and medical writers, will be open to OPC members and guests at the usual Club luncheon prices, \$2.50 for members, \$3 for guests. Reservations at club office must be made by 10 A.M. Thursday, Nov. 4. Dr. Rusk is professor and chairman of Physical Medicine at New York University's College of Medicine, associate editor of the New York Times, and president of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples.

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MEMORIAL FUND BOX SCORE

	<u>Deposited</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brought Forward 10/19/54	\$265,499.77	\$1,030.00	\$266,529.77
New Contributions	<u>150.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>150.00</u>
	\$265,649.77	\$1,030.00	\$266,679.77
Still to go:		\$33,320.23	

New Contributors

	<u>Contribution</u>
National Cartoonists Society (2nd)	\$100
Printers Supply Salesmen's Guild	50

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CLUB FACTS: Total membership now stands 1,054, broken down this way--499 resident and 341 non-resident Active; 144 resident and 24 non-resident Associate; 40 Affiliate and six Honorary Members.

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YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER QUESTIONED AT OPC LUNCHEON

Kaca Popovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Yugoslavia, told Club members and their guests last week that conditions had improved for Italian-Yugoslav co-operation "in all fields", following the recent accords on the future of Trieste.

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Nevertheless, he said, at the last Friday's luncheon in the Club house, the Yugoslav government of Marshal Tito does not feel that all problems should be solved by military agreements. In answer to a question about the possibility of including Italy in the Balkan Pact, Popovic said that before accord can be reached a number of questions must still be settled between Yugoslavia and Italy.

Popovic, who recently signed the Bled agreement with representatives of Greece, Turkey, and his own country, has been two years in his present post. He has been a poet and philosopher in his homeland, and fought with the Republican side in the Spanish Civil War and with Tito's partisans.

Yugoslav-Soviet relations, he said have "bettered" in recent months. He said the Yugoslavs were pursuing a policy of "normal" relations with all countries, in particular with its neighbors. He added, in response to another question, that the improvement of Yugoslav relations with the Soviet Union "coincided" with the death of Joseph Stalin. "That is all that can be said."

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